

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 14 and 15 were previously pending and under consideration.

Claims 1, 8 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hunt (US Patent No. 6,496,855).

Claims 2, 9 and 15 were objected to but would be allowable if written in independent form.

Accordingly, dependent claims 2, 9 and 15 are amended into independent form, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. Claim 2, 9 and 15 are also amended to improve form concerning antecedent basis support. Independent claims 1, 8 and 14 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice.

No new matter is added in this Amendment.


It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of pending claims is respectfully requested. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

CONCLUSION

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,
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